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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-15, 17, 20-24, and 27-32 remain in the application including independent claims 1, 10, 17, 20, and 22. Claims 18, 19, 24, and 25 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 4, and 16 have previously been cancelled. New dependent claims 33-34 have been added.

Claims 20-21 are allowed. Claims 26-32 were indicated as allowable if re-written in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The features of claim 26 have been incorporated into claim 22. Thus, claims 22-24 and 27-32 should now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 10, and 17 have been amended to include the patentable features of claim 26, i.e. the feature of the bracket including a plurality of bracket portions with each bracket portion including a first end portion mounted to the vehicle structure and a distal portion joined with the respective housing. Claim 3 has been amended to return to its original dependent form. Thus, claims 1, 3, 5-15, and 17 should also now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 3 and 5-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Everingham in view of AAPA. Claims 1, 10-15, 17-19, and 22-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Everingham in view of AAPA and further in view of Hazelwood. These rejections are moot in light of the amendments discussed above.

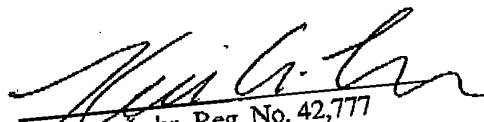
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Thus, Applicant believes all claims are now in condition for allowance and an indication of such is requested. Applicant believes no additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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